

§ 112 Rejection

The Examiner has rejected claim 14 as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention. Applicant has amended claim 14 to overcome the Examiner's rejection.

§ 103(a) Rejections – Morford in view of Smith

The Examiner has rejected claims 1-14 under § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Morford in view of Smith. The Examiner's rejections are respectfully traversed.

While continuing to traverse the Examiner's rejections, Applicant has, in order to expedite the prosecution, chosen to amend independent claim 1.

Applicant believes that the amendment to claim 1 completely overcomes the Examiner's rejections on §103(a) grounds.

In view of the above amendments and remarks it is respectfully submitted that independent claim 1 and 2 and dependent claims 3- 14 are in condition for allowance. Prompt notice of allowance is respectfully solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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